



Egremont News

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The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of what is going on in our community. It is printed on a bi-monthly basis by the Selectmen's Office Staff. Articles submitted by Town Boards are not edited by the Select Board or Office Administrator. Outside organizations are allowed to submit articles of no longer than one column length. These articles are to be factual and will not be printed if they contain any political format, forum, or communication. We welcome reader input and hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter. If you wish to receive this newsletter via email please contact town hall.

Selectmen:

A big thank you to Jennifer Sahn for her service on the School Committee. Her leaving Egremont has left a vacancy in the town's representation on the School Committee. If you are interested in serving on this very important Committee please contact Town Hall. There is a small travel stipend for this position.

Electric Aggregation - The town's application to the Department of Public Utilities to join the Hampshire Council of Governments electric aggregation program was denied. The Town is hoping to join forces with other towns in the area that were able to get in on Colonial Power's Berkshire aggregation program.

Welcome to new Assessor Susan Turner who was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Donald Torrico.

We also welcome new Part-time Police Officers William Minacci, Ted Crosby and Lucas Perry.

We wish our Police Secretary Rebekah Dellea luck as she goes on maternity leave to have her first child. This means there will be no regular staffing hours at the Egremont Police throughout November and December. If you need something that is not an emergency please call ahead to make sure an officer is available. The non-emergency phone number is 413-528-2160.

The Board of Selectmen adds its voice to the Conservation Commission (see below) in thanking Dave Johnson for his many hours of volunteer service on the Commission. We also thank Dave for his many hours in making the trails at French Park what they are today. He cleaned up old trails and cut and cleared new trails, and marked and mapped them. We wish him luck in his move to a warmer climate.

Transfer Station:

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SPEED LIMIT TO AND FROM THE TRANSFER STATION IS ONLY 10 MPH.

The station will be closed on Thanksgiving day. And will be closed on Thursday, December 24.

Unfortunately not all items are free to dump at the Transfer Station. Below is the list of items with their

Fees at the Transfer Station:

Demolition Materials (Wood, Sheet Rock, Insulation, etc.):

Delivered by Pick-up Truck Loads:

Small amount of material	\$25
Cubic yard rate	\$50/cu yd
2 cubic yards (half ton pick-up)	\$100
2 2/3 cubic yards (3/4 ton pick-up)	\$133

Other Items:

Doors	\$15
Toilet Bowl	\$15

Furniture:

Upholstered Chair	\$25
2 seat Upholstered Sofa	\$30
3 seat Upholstered Sofa	\$50
Twin Mattress or Box Spring	\$20
Full Size or Larger	
Mattress/Box Spring	\$30
Small Furniture	\$15

Appliances:

Small Appliances	\$15
DVD/VCR/Stereo/Radio	\$10
TV	\$50/lb/\$15 minimum
Computer Monitor	\$15

Minimum Charge

for non-demo Material \$10

ECO-TIP

Interior storm windows stop drafts! Check out the Indow Window, www.indowWindow.com.

Conservation Commission:

A toast to Dave Johnson: By Ben Barrett

The Egremont Conservation Commission has been dealt a significant blow of late due to the fact that our fearless leader Dave Johnson, Chairman, and his bride Eileen, have recently chosen to make Delaware home rather than Egremont. Try as we might, we just couldn't convince Dave to commute back and forth on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to continue in his role as Chairman. The commission will be feeling this loss for, well, ever. But we'll persevere, but with each of us pulling significantly more weight.

I am going to treat this "send off letter" in Dave's honor, as though it were a toast to him at his thank you dinner. If I was addressing a crowded dinner party in his honor, it would be my pleasure to watch him squirm in his seat and blush as I read off just some of the many accolades that should be bestowed upon him. And these are based only on what time I have spent with him on the Commission.

Dave ran meetings with a level headed, straightforward and organized manner. His cheerful demeanor and professional approach to upholding the Wetlands Protection Act got results that balanced the needs of the applicant as well as the spirit of the law. As any chairman should, he kept his opinions out of the equation, and dealt with issues from a neutral, unbiased position.

He was organized. Impeccably. I don't think one could even count the hours spent in the office of the Commission, all of which was volunteer. It was there that he sorted active from inactive files, organized the reference library, buffed out the office itself to his liking, meaning in a neat and tidy fashion. He checked the voice mails, opened the mail, incurring the need for yet more files. He met with applicants at site visits. He filled out tons and tons of forms, usually in a timely manner, benefitting the applicant so that they were not delayed, out of the goodness of his heart.

And all of this is on top of the Kiwanis Club, Warm the Kids, Camp Hi-Rock, and staying late with kids tutoring them. And let's not forget

seeing him at the Big Y too, as though he didn't have a full dance card already. These are things I can confirm. How many other organizations was he involved with over the years? I cannot say, but what I can say is that they were lucky to have had him.

Dave and Eileen were moderately "recent transplants" here in Egremont. They were not natives. But the sweat equity and solidly good work done by Dave over his somewhat short term here gives me faith in mankind. Dave "did the right thing", and exhibited "the right attitude" on a daily basis. His positive outlook and genuine concern for the well-being of our town exemplifies how each of us should spend more positive energy for the benefit of the town rather than complaining and whining.

If you'd like to email Dave a thank you for his years of service, please feel free to send them to the Commission's dedicated email at egremont.concom@gmail.com. We will be sure to forward them onto him in his new chapter in life in Delaware. So here's to you Dave, thank you for your years of service to our community. We'll all miss you.

ECO-TIP

Paper egg-cartons can go in the compost bin at our Transfer Station, where they are considered "brown material," like leaves. If you don't compost them, put them in the trash. They don't belong in the paper-recycling hopper, as the paper they're made of has already been recycled to the max.

Agricultural Commission:

Fall is deep upon us and for most of us the 2015 growing season has been pleasant with beautiful temperatures. For farmers who make hay and need to prep ground, seed, cultivate and make hay the late spring and early summer were a challenge. May, a normally wet month, was extremely dry requiring vegetable and fruit farmers to irrigate heavily early in the season. June in turn was the wettest June in 50 years adding extra challenges to cut hay especially.

Getting the first cutting was very difficult for many farmers. On another note, Carla Turner of Turner Farms says that the corn grew well and loved the wet June.

Two of our local farms, Mayflower Farm and Indian Line Farm can be seen at the Great Barrington Farmers' Market every Saturday morning 9-1 until the end of October. Check out

www.greatbarringtonfarmersmarket.org for a full listing of all the vendors and a list of special events

and for its new location back in the center of Great Barrington. Mayflower Farm specializes in lamb cuts and wool products. Indian Line Farm grows a wide variety of Certified Naturally Grown vegetables, herbs and cut flowers. Come say hi!

Managing waste products is a necessary activity of our existence as a society. How well this job is accomplished is reflected in the quality of the surroundings in which we live. Water, soil, vegetation, air, fish, animals and humans, literally all natural things are the resources of our planet that need to be considered when deciding what to do with wastes generated by human activities. In the past, waste management needs were not so critical. Today, the growing world population demands more and more products, which results in more and more waste by-products that must be managed.

That being said all farms in the commonwealth of Massachusetts are bound by a slew of regulations by which to handle animal waste. For some the smell of the animal waste is an inconvenience at best. But wise individuals realize the enormous value of composted or stored manure as an important nutrient to our soils. Both organic and conventional farms rely on this golden by-product as an important and necessary addition to crops.

Locally this year has been a particular odd application year as little rain has fallen thus making a more than pungent odor through out the town of Egremont. No one was more bothered by the smell then our own local farmers and their families. As not only do they smell the perfume in the air but it follows them everywhere on clothing and machinery.

We ask you to please be understanding throughout the spreading season. It should not last all that long. Also should you live close to a large tract of land and have a special event in the works feel free to contact your local farmer and ask politely if they could wait and not spread on the days before your event. Our local farmers are always happy to accommodate kind individuals.

ECO-TIP

Don't add grocery/gas receipts to your paper recycling. The paper contains BPA, known to be an endocrine disrupter. It's better not to handle the paper much, too. Source:

<https://livegreen.recyclebank.com/because-you-asked-can-i-recycle-receipts-made-of-thermal-paper?>

WiredWest:

WiredWest continues to work with MBI to get the Last Mile network build going. MBI is currently seeking proposals for companies who would like to be part of the design work on the fiber optic network and have received responses from several companies who would like to work on the surveys of the telephone poles to prepare what is called "make ready work" to make room on the 50,000 or so telephone poles in the Last Mile build area for the fiber optic cable to be hung. Once the surveys are complete the poles' owners will make changes as determined to be necessary from the surveys. Once that is complete the fiber can begin to be installed on the poles and ultimately to houses. In the interim, WiredWest is preparing to form the Limited Liability Municipal Cooperative Company which will be the formal business that will oversee the build of the Last Mile Network to member towns with MBI, and will operate the network on completion. Currently, WiredWest is refining the bylaws of the company to be, and are creating the operating agreement that towns will sign to become active members of the cooperative. Progress is slow but with a project the size of the Last Mile Build that is inevitable. MBI is working as fast as a state agency can with all of the conditions, constraints and requirements placed on it by state law.

Egremont Free Library:

The Egremont Free Library (EFL) hosted a "Color Me Calm" night in October. "It was fun to just sit, talk and color" said one of the participants. A device-free hour and a half offered a fun, relaxing night for those who attended. EFL will host "Color Me Calm" nights at least once a month. Adult coloring books are touted for relieving stress and providing a fun, community activity for groups. Several adult coloring books and a beautiful array of high quality colored pencils are also available to use during library hours. Call 528-1474 to learn more!

EFL offers several museum passes, which are valid through Spring of 2016. If you're looking for something to do this Fall, Winter and next Spring, you may borrow passes for Hancock Shaker Village, Berkshire Museum and the Norman Rockwell Museum. Hancock Shaker Village admits two adults and two youths (13-17) for free. Children 12 and

under are free. Berkshire Museum admits two adults and two children under 18 for free. Children three and under are free. Norman Rockwell passes admit up to two individuals at \$10 per person. Children five and under are admitted for free. The Clark Museum pass expires on December 31, 2015. It admits one adult for free. As a reminder, one pass is available to borrow per patron; passes may not be reserved and are available on a first come, first served basis and are due back within 48 hours.

Children and grandchildren who enjoy building with Legos are welcome to come during library hours and use their imagination to build with EFL's thousands of Lego pieces and Lego mini figures. Lego Club for children ages five and up takes place the second Saturday of each month from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. EFL also has several Thomas the Tank Engine toy engines with a wooden round house to play with. Children may also enjoy putting together several new, fun puzzles!

EFL is in the middle of transforming a corner of the library into a cozy reading nook. We'll keep you posted with our progress. Some comfy chairs and an area rug will offer a cozy, quiet spot to sit, relax and read at your leisure.

We're also purchasing some comfortable chairs for our large table for those of you who like to sit for long periods of time to get work done (or watch the latest episode of _____ (insert favorite show here :)

EFL has hosted two non-fiction book clubs this year. Our first book was Erik Larson's *Dead Wake* and our second book was Daniel James Brown's book *The Boys in the Boat*. We'll be selecting the next book soon. I'll send word via Egremont Posts with more information in early November.

If you aren't on Egremont Posts' email list or are not on Facebook, but you want to know what's going on at the library month-to-month, please call me at 528-1474 and let me know the best way to get word to you about what's going on at the library. I'm happy to call those of you who choose not to use technology. We could also mail information to your mailing address if you would prefer.

Library Hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Fire Department:

Date	Time	Call #	/Location	/Type
8/21/15	6:28 PM	124	Millard Rd.	Alarm/Fire
8/22/15	1:24 AM	125	Rt. 23 At Catamount	Auto Accident
8/23/15	12:51 PM	126	Mt. Washington State Park	Medical
8/25/15	6:15 AM	127	Mountain Rd Mt. Washington	Alarm
8/30/15	11:23 AM	128	Creamery Rd.	Medical
8/30/15	6:37 PM	129	Blunt Rd.	Medical
8/30/15	8:41 PM	130	Egremont Plain Rd.	Medical
9/1/15	4:07 AM	131	Pumpkin Hollow Rd.	Alarm/False
9/1/15	11:12 AM	132	Hillsdale Rd.	Alarm/
9/4/15	2:42 AM	133	Jug End Rd.	Alarm/False
9/7/15	10:07 PM	134	Egremont Plain Rd.	Medical
9/11/15	3:31 PM	135	Hillsdale Rd.	Medical
9/12/15	9:58 PM	136	East St. Mt. Washington	Medical
9/15/15	9:29 AM	137	Hillsdale Rd.	Medical
9/19/15	2:38 AM	138	Millard Rd.	Medical
9/20/15	8:02 AM	139	Whites Rd.	Medical
9/21/15	12:26 PM	140	Baldwin Hill E/W	Medical
9/23/15	4:10 PM	141	RT 71 & Boice Rd.	MVA/ Injuries
9/26/15	9:49 AM	142	Sheffield Rd.	Medical
9/25/15	6:10 AM	143	Blunt Rd.	Alarm/False
9/26/15	5:21 AM	144	Blunt Rd.	Alarm/False
10/6/15	1:26 AM	145	Rowe Rd.	Alarm/False
10/7/15	10:56 PM	146	Egremont Hts.	Medical
10/10/15	6:41 PM	147	Hillsdale Rd.	Medical

10/12/15	1:21 PM	148
Hillsdale Rd.		Medical
10/13/15	1:45 PM	149
Main Street		Medical
10/13/15	7:45 PM	150
West St. Mt. Washington		Auto Accident
10/15/15	9:56 PM	151
Baldwin Hill N/S		Auto Fire
10/17/15	12:52 PM	152
Prospect Lake Rd.		Alarm/Fire
10/23/16	2:09 AM	153
Creamery Rd.		Alarm/False
10/23/15	10:30 AM	154
East St. Mt. Washington		Brush Fire
10/23/15	10:44 AM	155
Hillsdale Rd.		Medical
10/24/15	1:30 PM	156
Bash Bish Falls Mt Washington		Medical



Congratulations to two of our Firemen who have 50+ Years of service in the Egremont Fire Department, Kevin Wheeler and Greg Peck.

From Chief Turner

It is that time of year again to make sure your chimney is clean and all your exhaust pipes are in good condition.

When you take ashes out of the fireplace, please put them into a metal container and away from all buildings.

Also please replace your smoke alarm batteries.

Board of Health

Autumn is the time for many small chores around your home: replace the batteries in your smoke detector, clean out the gutters, get your furnace serviced, etc. etc. From a Board of Health perspective the following small home chore should go to the top of the list: CLEAN THE FILTER ON YOUR SEPTIC TANK.

If your septic system was installed after 1995 or if you've had any work done on your septic system since then chances are your septic tank has a filter. Like all filters they can get clogged. Cleaning your septic tank filter regularly is a way of avoiding nasty back up of sewage into your home.

Cleaning the filter yourself is not difficult but if you'd rather not do it you can hire someone to perform this necessary task. If you are not sure if you have a filter on your septic tank, give BOH Director Juliette Haas a call at (413) 528-0182 ext. 22 and she'll check your file.

And while we're on the subject of things to do in autumn, don't forget to get your flu shot. Getting a flu shot is the best way to avoid getting the flu.

Green Committee:

The Green Committee would like to thank the Egremont Volunteer Fire Department for their delicious *and* Earth-friendly steak dinner in October. The dinner itself has always been served on real plates with real forks and knives but new this year was the use of compostable bowls, plates and take-out packaging. Gone are the days of yucky Styrofoam containers, which we all know has a shelf life as long as some radioactive isotopes! Thanks Egremont FD for all you do.

This is a great example of how both individuals and groups can make a difference. Yes, the problems facing the planet are complex – but simple changes like reducing your waste, making better purchasing choices, lowering your thermostat a degree or two in winter have greater impacts when you multiply it by all of those in the community who are taking part. Keep up the great work everybody. Your Green Committee and the planet thanks you!!

Planning Board:

Now that the Hearings for the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's Special Permit Amendment for a parking lot are over (the ATC withdrew its application without prejudice), and we have approved detailed minutes of the hearing and two continuations and site visit, and approved a common driveway permit, the Planning Board has refocused its efforts on updating the proposed Village and Rural District bylaw changes.

The updating consists of a detailed evaluation of our initial proposals in light of the recommendations we received in our meetings with the other boards, as well as your responses at our first

informational meeting. We began by reviewing the originally proposed village boundaries. As a result, the Board is now recommending including additional properties in both villages.

To remind you of what this is about, the Planning Board is proposing to separate our one General Zone into three districts: North and South Village districts and a Rural district. Whatever is outside the proposed boundaries for the two Village districts will become the Rural District. And because the villages are quite different, we are proposing some different frontage and side line requirements from those in our current bylaw. We're also proposing to put a lot of text into an easy-to-read chart.

Key benefits of these proposed bylaw changes: The essence of the villages will be preserved while allowing room for some development. By changing some of the frontage and setback requirements, more village properties will come into compliance with the bylaw which, in turn, means more homeowners will be able to make changes by right.

The Planning Board expects to have new maps, another version of the proposed bylaw, and back-up material ready for another informational meeting before the end of the year. We'll be holding the meeting on a Saturday morning so that second homeowners can also attend.

We invite you to attend Planning Board meetings. We usually meet on the second the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 pm on the second floor of Town Hall. However, the schedule sometimes changes, so please check postings at Town Hall, the Post Office or at egremont-ma.gov first.

Board of Assessors:

We are pleased to welcome Sue Turner as our newest board member.

Chapter Land: Thank you all who have Chapter Land; that is, lands classified and taxed according to Chapter 61 [Forest Land], Chapter 61A [Agricultural/Horticultural Land], and Chapter 61B [Recreational Land] for getting your applications in on time and complete. We appreciate your efforts.

Tax Rate: The tax rate for fiscal 2016 has not been set. The forms for setting the tax rate will be submitted to the Department of Revenue upon the

completion of the Tax Classification hearing on November 2. This hearing is held to determine if the town wishes to have a single tax rate as we have had, or to have a residential and a commercial tax rate.

Business owners: If you are opening or closing a business please be sure to notify the Assessors' office.

Abatements: The Actual Real Estate Tax bills will be sent out in early January. Property owners have 30 days after the issue date of the bill to apply for an abatement. This date is on the bill and is usually January 1.

Form of List/Personal Property. "Form of List" for business owners (and second home owners every three years) are used to declare Personal Property subject to taxation by the Town. Personal property includes furniture, fixtures, equipment, and machinery used in the conduct of business or in a 'non-primary' home. These forms will be sent out in early December.

Changes of Mailing Address: Please request a **Change of Address Form** when you want to officially change your address. These forms can be found at the Assessors' Office. In the future when we receive any request for an address change in any other format we will send you a Change of Address Form. Thank you for your attention to this.

Automobile Excise: Reminder - If you sell or trade a motor vehicle, please send to the Assessors, proof of plate transfer/sale and the excise abatement form.

The charge for **Abutters Lists** that are prepared by the Assessors' Office is \$1.00 per parcel reported.

If you have any questions please contact the Assessors' office at 528-0182, Ext. 14. Our Town Hall office hours are Monday 7-8:30; Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM to 12:00 or email us at assessors@egremont-ma.gov.

Technology Committee:

Several months ago it became apparent that there might be different vendors offering to bring broadband to Egremont. In order to review these vendor proposals, the Board of Selectmen convened an Ad Hoc committee to review each of these proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Currently there are three proposals being reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee and it is hoped that they will have a recommendation to put before the Board of Selectmen in early December. The proposals are from Wired West, Matrix Design Group, and Fiber Connect. Additional details regarding these companies will be provided in

the future. The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Technology Committee is November 12 at 4:00 PM.

School Committee:

In September, Jennifer Sahn of Egremont relocated to California. As a result she was forced to resign her position on the Southern Berkshire Regional School District School Committee. Since that time the Board of Selectmen have been actively seeking a resident to fill Jennifer's vacancy. This is becoming increasingly critical as the school district heads into a new budget season and tackles critical issues involving the District and member communities. Despite Jennifer's busy schedule as wife, mother, and career person, she was a phenomenal asset to the committee and the community. She sacrificed quite a bit of her time, as do several working parents serving from other communities, to most capably represent the students and families of our 5 town community and we hope that someone willing to do the same will step forward. The education of our children, the future of our communities is singularly the most important legacy that we can leave. Southern Berkshire is consistently one of the best if not the best district in the region. Please take a moment to evaluate your priorities and think about volunteering to serve on the SBRSD School Committee from the Town of Egremont.

First Congregational Church:

The First Congregational Church of South Egremont will hold its annual Ham Dinner and Chinese Auction November 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The menu for the dinner includes, baked ham, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, bread/rolls, dessert and beverage. Adults \$12 and children ages 5 to 10 \$5. Auction will end at 7 p.m. Do not have to be present to win.

This will be our last dinner until St. Patrick's dinner on March 17, 2016.

December 24 the church will hold its annual Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m. It is a service of carols and the reading of the Christmas story. All are invited to join us.

ECO-TIP

Have a load of C&D (construction and demolition) items, or just odd junk, to dispose of? Try Barbato's on Rte 23 in Hillsdale (518-325-3331). If you've never been there, stop in at the office first. Weigh your vehicle on the way in, and again after you unload, and pay for the weight of the trash. (Mattresses cost extra.) Cheaper than the C&D bin at our Transfer Station.

Friends of Prospect Lake

The lake was treated twice this summer, with good results. We have for the most part beaten back Asian Milfoil, an exotic non-native species of weed. The native species of Curly Leaf Pondweed and Tape Grass are both at least under control, and there were no significant algae blooms this year. Lake fauna of all sorts is flourishing-- fish, frogs, muskrats, crayfish, a beaver or two, eagles, an osprey, a couple of kinds of heron, and raucous crows in abundance. Our lake mgt consultants at Aquatic Control Technology have clearly provided us with sound advice.

The Friends had a successful Tag Sale in August and is gearing up for its holiday cake sales -- you can sample the cakes at tastings at the North Egremont General Store this Friday and during the mornings of the next few weekends. Cake order forms are also at the North Egremont General Store. We also had a good outcome in our annual membership drive -- we have 73 members signed up. (More are definitely welcome!)

The Friends wish you a good winter, good ice fishing, and see you next spring.

MassWildlife Habitat Management Grant:

The MassWildlife Habitat Management Grant Program (MHMGP) was developed to establish partnerships between MassWildlife and private and municipal landowners to enhance habitat and increase recreational opportunities on properties that have been conserved across the state. Recognizing that land protection is only the first step in maintaining the diverse habitats of Massachusetts, the MHMGP program aims to encourage landowners to engage in active habitat management on their properties to maximize the benefit to the various wildlife species of the state.

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/dfw/wildlife-habitat-conservation/habitat-grant.html>

The Watson Fund

As you prepare for the upcoming holidays, please remember those less fortunate. Make your donation today – make the holidays happier for others! Drop off at any branch of Berkshire Bank

Or mail to: The Watson Fund, 244 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230. Your generosity will help clothe children and put a holiday meal on the tables of those in need in Southern Berkshire County.

The Watson Fund – Since 1978

Here is how your donations helped last year:

Total number of families you helped – 256

Number of children you helped clothe – 435

Number of people you helped feed – 906

The John S. Watson Fund, Inc. could not have helped last year without your support and we continue to need your support this year.

THANK YOU, from the recipients and the Board of Directors.

John S. Watson Fund, Inc. is a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon
or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon
& by appointment

Council on Aging - Third Thursday of each month
at 2pm. Other times as needed.

Board of Health - Monday- 8am to 1pm, Tuesday
8:30am to 12pm & 12:30 to 2:30pm, Wednesday
& Thursday 8am to 1pm. Meetings - Thursdays as
posted 9am to 11am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other
Monday evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to
3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm.
Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth
Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - Wednesdays 5:30pm January
through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm &
Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Second & Fourth Monday 7:30pm
School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm
Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm

Town Clerk - Every other Tuesday evenings 6pm-
8pm, Tuesday mornings 9am to 12noon
or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm,
Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Meetings second Thursday
3:00pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed

To reach a board member or to leave a
message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses

Prospect Lake Park and Campground -
camping, swimming

413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com

www.prospectlakepark.com

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B

1 Prospect Lake Road

413-528-2882

www.innsweetwater.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant

413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-
Restaurant & Lodging
413-528-6200
www.swisshutte.com

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.
Robin Walther
116 Egremont Plain Road
413-528-2537
robinschaircaning@gmail.com

Howard's Antiques - Antique Lighting &
Restoration
413-528-1232
www.howardsantiquelighting.com

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal
polishing
413-528-3230

Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects
195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23)
413-528-5383
www.homeasianantiques.com

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern
furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and
decorative objects.
413-528-0112
www.41mainantiques.com

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding
Lessons, summer programs
www.bluerider.org
413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -
Horse Boarding, lessons, judging.
413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported
Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets
413-528-8301
www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -
Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug
Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.
Tom & Liz Marino
413-528-9465
www.lizmarinorughooking.com
Llamama@wildblue.net

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road,
open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week.
413-528-5710

B&S Gventer "Books & Ephemera" - Buy & Sell Books
<http://blaize.com/>
413-429-7467

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork
413-644-9979
www.CosmicResonance.com

Peter Goldberg, Diplomat of Acupuncture
Natural alternatives For Pain Management
www.berkshirepainmanagement.com
413-281-6384

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor
44 Main Street, South Egremont
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healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

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413-528-1594
www.zorncorefitness.com
zornari@gmail.com

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*On the loss of Postman Karl
by Stan Farnum*

*How many times in the flight of years
Must each of us say good bye?
How many footsteps form a trail
Beyond the strongest eye.
As friends we know and treasure deep
Must seek their own life way
Pushed by the inner urge all feel
Each moment, each hour, each day.*

*And so farewell good man-god speed
To Karl our well-loved friend
As you travel forth to a greater field
May your happiness never end.
And should you find some bit of time
Please bring us back your smile
For we all remember how we were blessed
With your unbeatable postman style.*

*Much affection
"Old Stan"*

Enchanted Dream

by Stan Farnum

Slipping:

*now with sleep enshrouded eyes
In deep dark places of the night,
I see the mist-cloaked figures rise.
Am I awake – asleep—not quite.*

Drifting:

*Down a far enchanted place
Bewitched by a slumber's veil,
Deep, deep the dreaming sea beneath;
I see no mortal sail.*

Shining:

*I rise through misted fields
to touch a deep turned sky,
To search the dark infinity
Whispering, "Where go I."*

Oh Shadow:

*There among the turning seas
Adrift on gentle stream,
Approach me now that I may see
If thou art real of dream.*

So Eldritch:

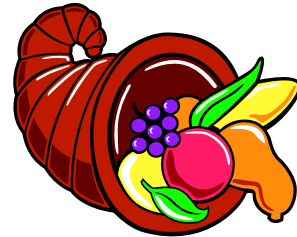
*of moon and mindsong bred
From where the faeries play,
Kiss me with thy flower touch
and we'll away-away.*

Ho Changeling:

*Wouldst fly twixt rain and sun
Beyond the field of sky?
Come dance among the stars with me
where worlds of otherness lie.*

Reality:

*Wake me not with Evensong
nor touch with sun agleaming
For I would lie forever here
Asleep and softly dreaming.*



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